

TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

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Surgery of the College of Surgeons, England; Senior
Surgeon and Lecturer on Surgery in the Westminster
Ophthalmic and Charing Cross Hospitals.*

76 HARLEY STREET, 10th October, 1868.

My Dear Dr. WOLFE,

HAD you not informed me yourself I should not have imagined it possible that a man with an European reputation such as yours, should be required to furnish Testimonials of qualification for any appointment connected with Ophthalmic Surgery.

I can only say what every other member of our profession would endorse, that I do not know any one better qualified than yourself, to sustain a Chair of Ophthalmic Surgery, and I humbly wish you success.

Believe me,

very truly yours,

HENRY HANCOCK.

From GEORGE CRITCHETT, *Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng., Surgeon to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital; late Surgeon and Lecturer on Ophthalmic Surgery, London Hospital.*

21 HARLEY STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.,
October 10, 1868.

DEAR DR. WOLFE,

YOUR reputation as an Ophthalmic Surgeon is already so well established, and your writings so well known, that I do not think any testimony of mine can add to your present high position. I have, however, much pleasure in acceding to your request, and in stating my opinion, that you are, in all respects, well qualified to teach and to practice Ophthalmology at a public hospital.

I remain,

Very faithfully yours,

GEORGE CRITCHETT.

From HENRY POWER, *Esq., M.B., F.R.C.S. Eng.; Ophthalmic Surgeon to St. George's Hospital.*

45 SEYMOUR STREET, W., 14th October, 1868.

I HAVE much pleasure in complying with the request of my friend, Dr. J. R. WOLFE, that I should give him a testimonial expressive of my knowledge of his ability and skill as an Ophthalmic Surgeon.

Dr. Wolfe's position in the profession, however, needs no such adventitious aid, as he is well known to all as an excellent observer, whilst his recent work on "CATARACT" indicates the care with which he has

applied himself to this particular department of knowledge, and the successful manner in which his long experience is made subservient to the treatment of disease.

I believe him to be well qualified to undertake, and to discharge efficiently the duties of Professor of Ophthalmology to the University of Glasgow.

HENRY POWER.

From W. WHITE COOPER, Esq., F.R.C.S.; Surgeon Oculist in Ordinary to H. M. the Queen; late Ophthalmic Surgeon to St Mary's Hospital, &c., &c.

19 BERKELEY SQUARE, W., October 1868.

I HAVE great pleasure in bearing testimony to the distinguished qualifications of Dr. J. R. WOLFE as an Ophthalmic Surgeon.

The publications of Dr. Wolfe are of a high order of merit, and I do not doubt that he would fill the Chair of Ophthalmic Surgery with credit to himself, and advantage to the University.

W. WHITE COOPER.

From WILLIAM BOWMAN, Esq., F.R.C.S. Eng. F.R.S. Surgeon, Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, &c., &c.

5 CLIFFORD STREET, October 10, 1868.

DEAR SIR,

IN reply to your note I beg to express my high sense of your qualifications for the post of Professor

of Ophthalmic Surgery in the Andersonian University. The subject is sure to be well handled if committed to your knowledge and skill.

Yours truly,

W. BOWMAN.

Dr. WOLFE.

*From J. F. STREATFIELD, Esq., F.R.C.S.; Ophthalmic Surgeon,
University College Hospital; Surgeon to the Royal
London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, &c.*

15 UPPER BROOK STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE, W.
10th October, 1868.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing witness to the many good qualities, both professional and personal, of my friend, Dr. WOLFE. Our acquaintance is of no recent date, and very confidently I can speak to his special qualifications for occupying well a University Chair of Ophthalmology to his own great credit, and to the inestimable advantage of Students, who would be led to pay attention to a department of Medical practice, now too generally, and altogether neglected in our curriculum.

Dr. Wolfe combines in himself the advantages of one who can originate, with those to be gained by any careful observer of what has been and is done by others in one special branch of study. He is no less well learned in the last advances of German Ophthalmology than in the literature and practice, the science and art, of the British School of Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery.

J. F. STREATFIELD.

From ERNEST HART, *Esq.*, *M.R.C.S. Eng.* *Ophthalmic Surgeon and Lecturer on Ophthalmic Surgery, and Dean of the Medical School, St. Mary's Hospital; Editor of the British Medical Journal.*

69 WIMPOLE STREET, W.,
LONDON, 17th October, 1868.

DR. WOLFE'S reputation as an Ophthalmologist is based upon solid and valuable contributions to the literature of Ophthalmic science and practice.

Dr. Wolfe's writings indicate not only considerable classical experience and skill, but a marked tendency to original thought and research.

I feel sure, therefore, that he will fill with advantage a Chair of Ophthalmic Surgery in any School or University.

ERNEST HART.

From ANDREW WOOD, *Esq.*, *M.D.*; *F.R.C.S. Edin.*; *F.R.S.E.*;
Member of General Medical Council &c., &c.

9 DARNAWAY STREET,
EDINBURGH, 15th October, 1868.

UNDERSTANDING that Dr. WOLFE is now a candidate for the Chair of Ophthalmic Surgery in the Andersonian University of Glasgow, I willingly bear testimony to the good position which he has taken as an Oculist. He has had large experience in eye cases, and has industriously and successfully used that experience to render himself thoroughly conversant with the diseases of the eye, and an expert operator on the eye.

He has lately published an excellent monograph on the operation for the extraction of Cataract, for which he has furnished some original suggestions.

I believe him to be well qualified for the office to which he aspires.

ANDREW WOOD.

DR. WOLFE, Glasgow.

*From SAMUEL BROWNE, Esq., L.K. & Q.C.P. Ireland
M.R.C.S. Eng., &c.; Senior Surgeon, Belfast General and
Ophthalmic Hospitals; Lecturer on Ophthalmic Medicine
and Surgery at Belfast.*

14 HOWARD STREET,
BELFAST, 10th October, 1868.

HAVING heard that Dr. J. R. WOLFE is a candidate for the Chair of Ophthalmic Surgery at Glasgow, I have much pleasure in bearing my humble testimony as to his fitness for that important situation.

I have had the privilege of reading several of the communications on diseases of the eye which Dr. Wolfe has published, and I have been deeply impressed by the original character of these papers, and by the amount of accurate information which they displayed in connection with the science and practice of Ophthalmic medicine and surgery.

From his writings, he shows that he has studied most carefully the subject of Ophthalmology, and from his connection with the Eye Hospital of Aberdeen, and his experience as a teacher, there cannot be any question but that he has obtained a large share of practical knowledge; hence I am satisfied that Dr. Wolfe is eminently qualified to fulfil the duties which he seeks to undertake.

SAM. BROWNE.

*From J. G. WILSON, Esq., M.D.; F.R.C.S.E.; F.R.S.E.;
Professor of Midwifery in Anderson's University, &c.*

9 WOODSIDE CRESCENT, GLASGOW,
6th November, 1868.

IT affords me the greatest pleasure to bear testimony to the very superior talents and acquirements of Dr. J. R. WOLFE whom I have known intimately for several years.

Dr. Wolfe is well known to the profession both at home and abroad, as one of the most eminent oculists of the present day. He has made diseases and injuries of the eye a special study, and he has cultivated that branch of the profession with an enthusiasm and success rarely equalled

J. G. WILSON.

*From T. M'CALL ANDERSON, Esq., M.D., Professor of the
Practice of Physic in Anderson's University.*

1 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,
GLASGOW, 7th November, 1868.

MY DEAR SIR,

I HAVE much pleasure in acceding to your request that I should state my opinion of your ability to fill the office of Lecturer on Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery in Anderson's University.

I have been acquainted with you for a number of years, having been intimately associated with you both here and abroad, and have always admired the intelli-

gence and zeal which you have brought to bear upon Medical Science in general, and your devotion to Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery in particular.

The important public appointments of Ophthalmic Surgeon in the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and to the Ophthalmic Institution there, and of Lecturer on Ophthalmic Surgery in that medical school, coupled with the confidence which is reposed in you by your professional brethren, no less than by the public, and the extensive reputation which your writings have acquired for you, both in this country and on the continent, are sufficient guarantees that your connection with Anderson's University will do much to sustain the reputation of our school.

T. M'CALL ANDERSON.

Some of the following Testimonials were submitted in 1863, when a Candidate for the Aberdeen Appointments:—

From the late W. MACKENZIE, Esq., M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology, Glasgow University.

GLASGOW, 2nd January, 1863.

Judging from certificates in favour of Dr. J. R. WOLFE by the Professors under whom he studied; a communication from him in the *Lancet*, Oct. 11, 1862, on extraction of the Cataract, and several written communications I have had from him on some cases of Eye disease, I am satisfied that Dr. WOLFE is likely to prove an acceptable practitioner in any community where he may fix his future residence, and, by his energy and diligence, a valuable attendant on any Institution where the special treatment of eye-disease would be requisite.

W. MACKENZIE.

From G. H. B. MACLEOD, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S. Edin., Professor of Surgery, Anderson's University, and Surgeon to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

GLASGOW, January, 1863.

The undersigned having the pleasure of Dr. WOLFE'S acquaintance, and knowing that he has paid much attention to Ophthalmic Surgery, feels confident

that, if appointed to the medical charge of an Institution devoted to the treatment of affections of the Eye, he would before long prove himself well worthy of the confidence of the profession and the public.

G. H. B. MACLEOD.

From L. A. DESMARRES, M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology at Paris, Officer of the Legion of Honour, Knight of various Orders of Sweden, Belgium, Sicily, and Rome.

29 RUE JOUBERT,
PARIS, 8th January, 1863.

I certify that Dr. WOLFE of Glasgow assisted at my clinique for Disease of the Eye for one year, and distinguished himself by his assiduity and practical knowledge, and that he is well qualified to occupy the position of Surgeon-Oculist.

L. A. DESMARRES.

From Dr. NELATON, Professor of the Faculty of Paris, Surgeon of the Hospital, Senator of France, &c., &c.

PARIS, 29th April, 1860.

I certify that I know Dr. WOLFE to be an able practitioner. He has given proof of zeal and erudition, and promises to become a distinguished Surgeon.

NELATON.

From Professor TROUSSEAU.

PARIS, 29th April, 1860.

I, the undersigned Physician at the Hotel Dieu Professor of the Practice of Physic, Commander of the Imperial Legion of Honours, &c., &c. certify that Dr. J. R. WOLFE assisted my clinique during the years 1859-60, and that I know him to possess great ability and I am persuaded that he will discharge, with zeal and talent, the functions of Hospital Physician.

(“Je suis persuadé q’il remplira avec zèle et talent les fonctions de medecin des hopitaux.”)

A. TROUSSEAU.

From Dr. B. ANGER, Professor of Anatomy and Surgery to Operating Theatres; and Surgeon at the Hospital la Charité, Paris.

PARIS, 26th August, 1865.

I hereby certify that Dr. WOLFE has delivered a Course of Operative Surgery to English Students attending this Amphitheatre of the Hospitals, during the month of August, 1865.

Dr. WOLFE possesses a profound knowledge of Anatomy, and is acquainted with the different Operative methods, and I believe him well able to compete with some of our most distinguished Surgeons, both by his dexterity, as well as by his extensive knowledge.

B. ANGER.

(From THE ABERDEEN FREE PRESS.)

OPHTHALMIC INSTITUTION,
TUESDAY, 15th September, 1868.

A meeting of the Directors of this Institution was held on Friday Afternoon, for the election of a Surgeon in the room of Dr. WOLFE—F. Holland, Esq., President of the Institution, in the chair.

Dr. Angus proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Surgeon, Dr. WOLFE, for the admirable way in which he had conducted the Institution. It had previously been at zero, now, on the contrary, he believed there was more ophthalmic work done at the Institution than at any other in Scotland.

Dr. WOLFE had given his whole heart to it, and had got the opportunity of earning world-wide fame as an Ophthalmic Surgeon. The results of his experience had appeared in the *Lancet* and in his volume dealing with diseases of the eye, on a system of his own, which had met with the greatest approbation in France and Germany, as well as in England. While regretting that they were about to lose the services of Dr. WOLFE, they could not but congratulate him on his promotion to a more extensive sphere of usefulness.

ROYAL INFIRMARY,
MONDAY, 14th September.

A Quarterly Court of the Managers of the Royal Infirmary was held in the Infirmary Hall to-day—the Lord Provost presiding.

A letter was read from Dr. WOLFE, resigning the office of Ophthalmic Surgeon in the Infirmary, and in-

timating that, to prevent any break occurring, he would continue to perform the duties till 1st October.

The Provost said—Gentlemen, I am sure it will be your desire to express extreme regret at receiving the resignation of Dr. WOLFE. I believe Dr. WOLFE has conferred very eminent benefits, not only upon this institution, but upon the whole country, by the high repute into which he has brought that department of Surgery to which he has devoted his energies and abilities.

Previous to his coming amongst us, I believe Ophthalmic Surgery was in a defective state, but he has succeeded in raising it to a very high standard indeed.

I am very sorry that we should lose his valuable services at this time, when he is carrying on the institution of which he has charge so efficiently, and when his exertions are so highly appreciated, as I am sure they are. You will all join me, I am sure, in wishing Dr. Wolfe every success in his new sphere.

From SIR W. R. WILDE, *M.D., F.R.C.S.I., Surgeon Oculist*
to the Queen in Ireland, &c., &c.

I MERRION SQUARE, NORTH,
 DUBLIN, 4th November, 1868.

I AM acquainted with the writings of Dr. WOLFE of Aberdeen, and have just read his work upon "An Improved Method of Extraction of Cataract."

In the present day when an effort is being made by Ophthalmic Surgeons to render the operation for Cataract more facile and secure, I think Dr. Wolfe has done good service to the cause of Medicine by making known to the English reader, in a collected form, the results which have at present been arrived at, as well as his own modifications and improvements upon the new operations which have been suggested for the removal of Cataract.

From what I know of Dr. Wolfe, through his writings, I should say he was well qualified to undertake the duties of a teacher of Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery.

W. R. WILDE.

